

incurred in connection with the reorganization and liquidation were paid by Old Mutual (US) Holdings Inc., parent of applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Date: The application was filed on July 26, 2002.

Applicant's Address: One Freedom Valley Dr., Oaks, PA 19456.

Putnam Preferred Income Fund [File No. 811-3873]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On May 17, 2002, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Applicant has retained assets in the amount of \$44,250 to pay outstanding liabilities. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on May 31, 2002, and amended on July 25, 2002.

Applicant's Address: One Post Office Sq., Boston, MA 02109.

Friends Ivory Funds [File No. 811-9601]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 29, 2002, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders based on net asset value. Expenses of \$5,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Friends Ivory Social Awareness Fund and Friends Ivory European Social Awareness Fund.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on July 3, 2002, and amended on July 26, 2002.

Applicant's Address: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commissions will hold the following meeting during the week of September 9, 2002: A Closed Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2002, at 10 a.m.

Commissioner Atkins, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissions, the Secretary of the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), (9)(B), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2002, will be: Litigation matter; Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; and Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: September 4, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-46440; File No. SR-MSRB-2002-09]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Arbitration

August 30, 2002.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1),² notice is hereby given that on August 19, 2002, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("Board" or "MSRB") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") a proposed rule change (File No. SR-MSRB-2002-09). The proposed rule change is described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Board. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit

comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Board is filing herewith a proposed rule change relating to arbitration. Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is italicized; proposed deletions are in brackets.

Rule G-35. Arbitration

[Every broker, dealer and municipal securities shall be subject to the Arbitration Code set forth herein.

Arbitration Code]

Section 1 through Section 37. Deleted.

[Section 38.] Arbitration Involving Bank Dealers.

As of January 1, 1998, every bank dealer (as defined in rule D-8) shall be subject to the Code of Arbitration Procedure of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") for every claim, dispute or controversy arising out of or in connection with the municipal securities activities of the bank dealer acting in its capacity as such. For purposes of this rule, each bank dealer shall be subject to, and shall abide by, the NASD's Code of Arbitration Procedure, *including any amendments thereto*, as if the bank dealer were a "member" of the NASD.

Rule A-16. Arbitration Fees and Deposits

Rescinded

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II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the MSRB included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The texts of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The MSRB has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

(a) In 1997, the MSRB amended Rule G-35, on arbitration, to provide that it would not accept any new arbitration claims filed on or after January 1, 1998

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.